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Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

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Response to Restriction Requirement.

Small Entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and § 1.27 has been established.

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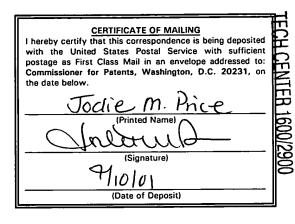
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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response Office Action mailed June 11, 2001, please consider the following remarks.

In a restriction requirement, the Examiner has divided the claims into two groups:

Group I:

claims 55-68 and 75-78; and

Group II:

claims 69-74.

Applicants hereby elect Group II, Claims 69-74, for examination, with traverse.

### Traversal of the Restriction Requirement

Notwithstanding the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the restriction requirement and examine all currently pending claims.

A restriction requirement is proper if (1) two or more independent and distinct inventions are claimed in one application (35 U.S.C. §121), and (2) there would be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required. MPEP § 803.

Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's contention that a burden would exist because the search required for Group I is not required for Group II. The search that will be required for Group II, e.g. antibodies specific for cardiac troponin that are insensitive to cardiac troponin forms, will include the search that will be required for Group I, drawn to methods and kits for the assay of cardiac troponin that use antibodies selected to provide a signal that is insensitive to cardiac troponin forms.

Therefore, because there is no serious burden placed upon the Examiner by examination of all pending claims, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the restriction and examine all of the claims on the merits.

#### **CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. An early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. Should any matters remain outstanding, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the address and telephone number listed below so that they may be resolved without the need for additional action and response thereto.

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